



Veterinary Ophthalmology Services

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PRE-SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

ELECTED SURGERY: _____

SURGERY DATE/TIME: _____
(date) (time)

24-HOUR RECHECK: _____
(if applicable) (date) (time)

1. Please have your pet here the morning of surgery at the time specified.
2. Be sure to **treat your pet's eyes the morning of surgery** with the medications they are on.
3. **BRING ALL MEDICATIONS WITH YOU.** We use these medications after surgery, and we also need to know how much more to give you to go home with. If you do not bring them, we may have to charge for new medication.
4. **Withhold food after 6:00 p.m. the night before surgery.** It is okay if you need to give your pet a very small amount of food (like a bite of cheese or hot dog) to take the oral medications. Just do not give a whole bowl of food. **Please take water up at midnight the night before surgery,** or just take it up before you go to bed.
5. **If you have oral medications to give your pet, please give them as directed.**
6. **If your pet is diabetic, do NOT give insulin the morning of surgery. BRING THE INSULIN AND SYRINGE WITH YOU,** as we will check blood glucose levels before and after surgery, and administer what is necessary.
7. **CLEAN AND GROOM** your pet before surgery. Depending on the type of surgery, it could be a while before you could bathe your pet again.
8. Walk and/or exercise your pet the morning of surgery
9. You should expect to leave your pet until at least early afternoon after dropping them off in the morning. We like our patients to be in early so that we can sedate them, perform surgery, and then be sure they are well awake before they go home. We usually discharge patients between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.
10. **Payment in full is expected when you pick up your pet.**
11. We offer financing through a company called Care Credit. The cost of surgery can be financed up to 1 year without interest. You may apply for a line of credit online at www.carecredit.com or on the phone, 1-800-365-8295. If you are approved, you will be given an account number to begin using right away. You will receive a Care Credit card in 7-10 days. A statement will be mailed to you monthly.